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SUBJECT: UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA SPEAKS OUT

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1. UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA MCBRIDE ON EVE OF HIS DEPARTURE FOR TANZANIA AUGUST 29 TOLD LOCAL PRESS THAT SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS HAD UPROOTED 50,000 VILLAGERS IN NAMIBIA IN ORDER TO CREATE FREE FIRE ZONE ALONG ANGOLA BORDER. THIS STATEMENT RECEIVED BANNER HEADLINES IN ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL OF AUGUST 30. MCBRIDE REPORTEDLY WARNED THAT INVOLVEMENT OF THE SUPER POWERS WAS "QUITE LIKELY" IN NAMIBIA, CREATING A SITUATION LIKE THAT OF THE CIVIL WAR IN ANGOLA EARLIER
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THIS YEAR, UNLESS SOUTH AFRICA RELINQUISHED POWER IN THE

URANIUM RICH TERRITORY.

2. ARTICLE QUOTES MCBRIDE AS SAYING HE HAD RECEIVED REPORTS THAT USG HAD COMPLAINED ABOUT STATEMENTS HE HAD MADE IN LUSAKA CONCERNING THE LIBERATION OF NAMIBIA. HE SAID, "THIS DOES NOT WORRY ME BECAUSE IT IS PART OF MY FUNCTION TO URGE ALL STATES THAT MORE EFFORTS MUST BE MADE TO SECURE THE LIBERATION OF NAMIBIA."

3. REUTERS REPORTER CALLED PAO ON AUGUST 28 TO ASK FOR COMMENTS ON STATEMENTS MADE BY MCBRIDE IN AN INTERVIEW WITH HIM. ACCORDING TO REPORTER, MCBRIDE CHARACTERIZED GOVERNOR SCRANTON'S PROTEST TO HIS STATEMENTS MADE IN LUSAKA AS "SILLY."

4. RAND DAILY MAIL REPORTER TOLD PAO AUGUST 29 THAT IN SEPARATE INTERVIEW MCBRIDE HAD SAID, ZONE OF USG'S PROBLEMS IN DEALING WITH SOUTHERN AFRICAN AFFAIRS IS PARANOIC FEAR OF COMMUNISM SIMILAR TO THAT HELD BY SOUTH AFRICA." HAVING MADE THE ABOVE STATEMENT, MCBRIDE THEN URGED REPORTER TO DOWN PLAY IT.

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